

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Concerning the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4 through 11)

Application 07-06-031

AMENDED PROTEST OF THE CITY OF CHINO

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On September 20, 2007, a Pubic Scoping Meeting was held at the City of Chino Hills where the public was invited to comment on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project No. A 07-06-031. During the public comment portion of the meeting, the City of Chino Hills introduced a new alignment for consideration by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The graphics for the alignment did not illustrate how the new alignment would impact the City of Chino The City of Chino's response concerning the alternative alignment by Brent Arnold, City Planner, indicated that if the PUC adopts the new alignment for study the PUC should analyze the impacts it may have upon the City of Chino and compare the impacts to the proposed alignment now under consideration.

On August 4, 2007, the City submitted a protest letter on the proposed project stating the following:

- 1. Based on the photo-simulations provided by Southern California Edison (SCE), the City determined the project will result in the removal of substantial above ground power lines and poles along the north and south side of the Edison Avenue right-of-way between Mountain and Central Avenues, resulting in a positive change in the appearance and image of this area.
- 2 The City is concerned about the public exposure to higher levels of electromagnetic fields (EMF) where the proposed lines abut residentially zoned property and existing homes. SCE has indicated, however, that EMF concentrations at the ground level will actually be less than existing conditions because the new towers are taller and further away from nearby homes. We would like the Public Utilities Commission to independently study this subject and confirm the SCE findings.
- 3. SCE representatives informed City staff that the new transmission lines will generate noise at levels that have not yet been studied. Therefore, the City believes a noise impact analysis is necessary to assess potential impacts on the

surrounding neighborhoods. The analysis should not only evaluate noise based on

the City noise standard but also consider the unique noise characteristics that are

generated from a 500KV transmission line or lines.

4. There is a chain link fence around the perimeter of the Chino/Edison Avenue

Substation, which the City believes provides minimal protection from a

significant hazard given the proximity to Edison Avenue traffic lanes. A block

wall is the minimum protective barrier that should be considered.

In addition, the City would like to add the following comment:

The city owns two water well sites in the City of Ontario. One is located at the

southeast corner of Schaefer Avenue and Campus Avenue, and the second site is

located at the northeast corner of Schaefer Avenue and Bon View Avenue. These

two sites are bisected by the SCE easement being considered for the proposed

alignment; therefore an analysis should be conducted to assess potential impacts

on the well sites, including their appurtenances.

Finally, thank you for providing the City of Chino an opportunity to review and comment

on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project No. A 07-06-031. Should you have

any questions, please feel free to contact me at (909) 591-9811.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Coe. AICP

Director of Community Development

cc: Community Development Department File

Brent Arnold, City Planner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the **PROTEST OF THE CITY OF CHINO** in proceeding A 07-06-031 on the service list for A 07-06-031 by serving a copy to each party by electronic mail, or by mailing a properly addressed copy by first-class mail with postage prepaid to each party unable to accept service by electronic mail.

Executed on October 8, 2007, at Chino, California

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